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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of Preliminary Amendment, the Applicant enters the following amendments to the specification.

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- A simple frame, sized to handle multiple sidewall diameters, fitted with mechanically retractable dowels centrally positioned to form the arbor holes and drive holes may be used as an assembly fixture for the package. Two sidewalls, prepared with appropriate apertures, including any required arbor or drive holes **12**, are sized to slip over the dowels. Sidewall **2** is positioned in the assembly fixture over the retractable dowels. A paper ring **6** of appropriate width and diameter is positioned and mechanically centered on the sidewall by position